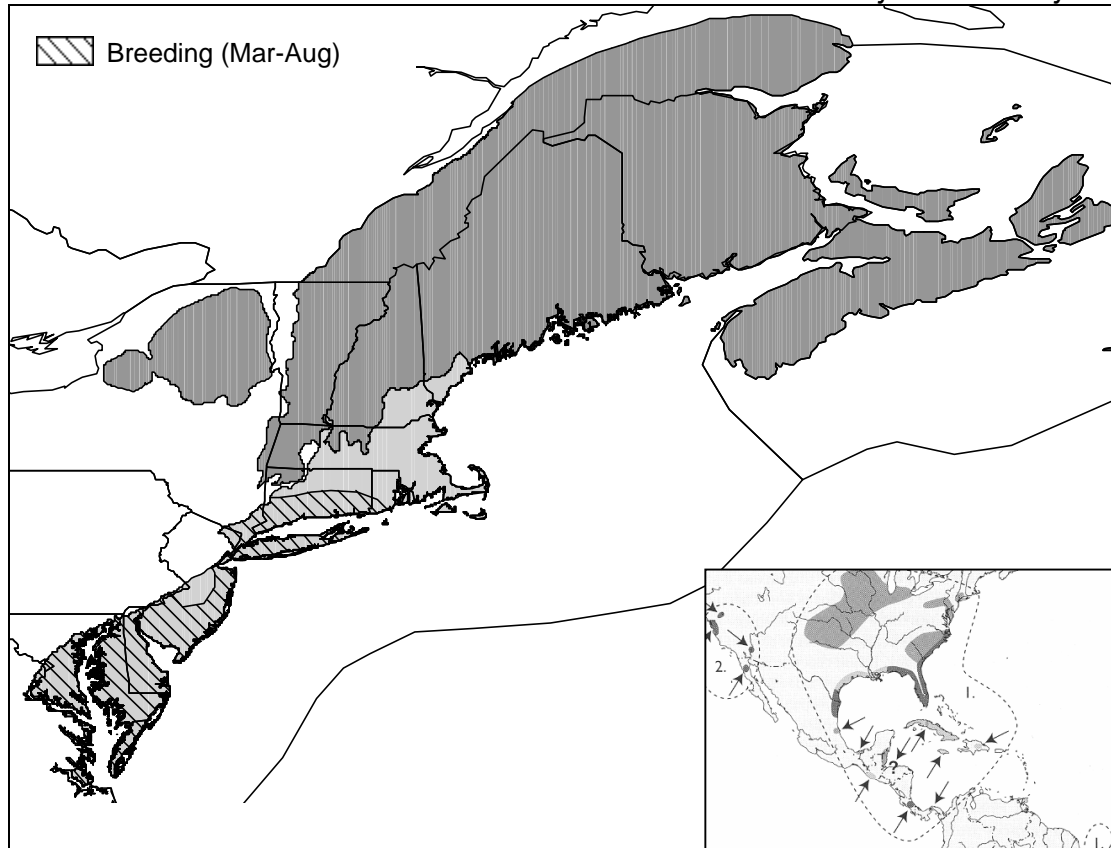


# BLACK RAIL

*Laterallus jamaicensis jamaicensis*



## Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in BCR 30
- Habitats used: salt, brackish, and freshwater marshes; pond borders, wet meadows, and grassy swamps

PIF BD=4; PIF ND=4

## Regional Abundance

- Current population size: unknown
- Historical population size: unknown
- decrease in regional population

PIF RA=5; PIF PT=4

## Regional Threats

- Highly area sensitive; Habitat degradation due to drainage, dredging, filling, and mining, invasive vegetation
- Predators, inclement weather conditions, pollutant discharge, human disturbance and trampling
- Water level rise
- Collision with stationary structures (TV towers, buildings, wires)
- Non-hunted game bird in US

PIF TB=4; PIF TN=4

**Conservation Status:** Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
?	?	0b	?b	?b	?b	?b	?b
IUCN- Lower Risk— Near Threatened	NAWCP- High Concern		High (PI=?)	NJ-S2B; DE-S1B MD-S2S3B; VA-S2B, S2N	NY-S1B, SZN; CT-S1B, SZN; RI, MA, VT-no info	MA-no info; NH-no info ME-no info; NB, NS- no info	QC-SR; NB- no info PE-no info; NS- no info

**Conservation Needs:** *Sustainability:* 5 / 5 clutches hatched; 2 of 44 infertile; *Density and foraging habitat:* 0.01 birds / party h; 1.58 vocalizing rails / ha; presumably on or near substrate at edges of stands of emergent vegetation; in tidal smooth cordgrass marsh, above and below high-tide line; *Issues:* Secretive habits and lack of information from most of range make status difficult to determine. Need to preserve and enhance wetland habitats.; *Needs:* monitoring, ID key habitat and restore; *Population Goals:* restore (increase); *Habitat Goals:*